

# BIG SANDY NEWS.

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## BAD WRECK.

### One Killed and Three Badly Injured.

### Double-Header Freight Wrecked on Big Sandy Division, With Awful Results to Enginemen.

An accident attended by loss of life and other personal injury occurred on the C. and O. early Thursday morning near England Hill, a short distance this side of Catlettsburg. Engineer Richard Dwyer is dead, Engineer Emmet Diamond is badly hurt, and brakeman Larry and Fireman Gayheart are injured, but to what extent the News cannot learn.

What is commonly known as the "Bull Dog," a double-headed coal train that leaves Ashland and Shelby on alternate nights, ran into a slip on the track at the time and place noted and turned over down the side of the track, followed by five or six cars which piled on top of the two engines. Aid was secured as soon as possible and the dead and injured men were taken to Ashland, where they all resided. Engineer Dwyer, who at that time was fireman, was on the engine with Andy Berry when the latter was fatally injured in the wreck at Torchlight on the 5th of June, 1908, and was himself badly scalded. He was also once badly hurt on the Marrowbone branch. Diamond is a son of Jerry Diamond, of Ashland, formerly of Louisa, and a grandson of Joshua Diamond, of this place. The slip which caused this very sad accident was the result of the recent heavy rains.

### New Church For Whitehouse.

Mrs. John C. C. Mayo was at Whitehouse, Monday of last week and selected a site for the new M. E. church South, which will be erected there soon. The Whitehouse Coal and Land Company, composed of Paintsville business men, has generously donated one acre of ground in the most desirable place at Whitehouse for the church site and a splendid church building and parsonage will be erected in a short time.

## AFTER KENTUCKY COAL.

### New Line Projected to Include Extension of an Existing Railroad.

A letter to the Manufacturers' Record from Salyersville, Ky., says: "The extension of the Eastern Kentucky Railroad from Webbville, Ky., to the great timber and coal fields in Breathitt county is assured. The officers of the company, who contemplate taking over the Eastern Kentucky road and making this extension of 69 miles, together with their chief engineer, are now going over the survey making some minor changes preparatory to advertising for contracts to grade the road. The road passes through Lawrence, Johnson and Magoffin counties, and will tap one of the richest undeveloped coal and timber fields in the United States. Work will begin on the extension in the early summer."

A press report says that the North and South Railroad Co., which is contemplating the construction of a line from Portsmouth, O., via Riverport and Grayson, Ky., to Eastern Kentucky Railroad for part of the distance, and will build an extension to Salyersville and Jackson, Ky. It is further reported that C. D. Warren and Capt. F. W. Fletcher of Toronto, Canada, have gone over the route of the proposed extension in company with Mr. Gibson, an engineer, from Jackson, Ky. The Eastern Kentucky line extends from Riverport, Ky., on the Ohio River, to Webbville, about 36 miles. Its extension as proposed would afford transportation facilities to a region now without rails.

## New Farmers' Line.

A Farmers' Line having seven subscribers has recently been connected with the Toll Station of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company at Prichard, W. Va. Those connected on this line are, Jas. Prichard, Dr. L. B. Dean, S. P. Ferguson, I. B. Smith, Albert Rouk, W. J. Smith, Alex. Smith.

All the above named subscribers are enabled to reach all points throughout the Southern Bell Telephone Company's territory as well as over long distance lines.

The Farmers' Line Development in this vicinity is becoming quite extensive as the farmer seems to be realizing that he is in greater need of telephone service than the city resident.

## Mrs. Henry Snyder Dead.

The relatives and friends of Henry G. Snyder, formerly of this place, but now living in Oklahoma City, were greatly shocked by the news of the unexpected death of his wife in that place on Monday last. She left a baby daughter a little more than a year old. Uremia is said to have been the cause of her death. Mrs. Snyder was a woman of fine intelligence and much charm of person and manner, and her untimely demise is a source of great sorrow to all who knew her.

## G. E. FUGATE DEAD.

### Popular Old Citizen, Known Throughout This County.

After many weeks of ill health Granville Fugate died peacefully and suddenly at his home at Huletts, this county, on last Saturday night. He was buried on the following Monday not far from his last earthly home. He was 69 years old and left a widow and 5 children—two boys and three girls.

Mr. Fugate was born in Morgan county but had lived in Lawrence many years, part of the time as a citizen of Louisa. He was a lawyer by profession and served a term as County Attorney, making an honest, capable official. Mr. Fugate was a Confederate veteran, having faithfully served the South during the Civil War. He had about as many friends in Lawrence county as any other man in it. He was genial, honest, most kind and hospitable—the ideal "clever" man. No man ever left his door hungry if Granville knew it. In the language of one who knew him well, he would divide his last peck of meal with a friend. Easy and naïve had no place in Granville Fugate's bosom, and although not unexpected the news that he had died came as a shock to all who knew him. He was in Louisa only two or three days before his death and said to the writer of these lines, "I don't know when I shall be back." The following Saturday night he fell on the floor of his room and died without a word. Peace to the ashes and rest to the soul of Granville Fugate.

## Mr. Cassidy Will Leave Olive Hill.

Ben Cassidy, having decided to again locate in the law practice at his old home, Louisa, Ky., in the near future, tendered his resignation as City Attorney of Olive Hill which office he has held for nearly two years, to take effect on June 6th, 1910.

Mr. Cassidy has made an efficient officer, fearlessly discharging every duty that his office demanded of him. He discharged that duty in his natural, pleasant way and won as friends all law-abiding citizens and most all whom he prosecuted.

We are sorry to lose Mr. Cassidy, first as a citizen, second, as an officer, as he filled both places to as near perfection as any man we know. There is not a citizen of Olive Hill we dare say, but who will deeply regret to lose such a worthy person from our midst, and no one more than the Times. What is our loss in this case is Louisa's gain.—Olive Hill Times.

## Miss Katherine Freese in Ashland.

A most instructive and interesting evening was afforded the members of the Woman's Club, Saturday at 7:30 o'clock, in Lordier's Hall. As thorough a study was made of "Some German Composers of the Last Decade" as the limited time would allow.

In a sketch of "The Life of Strauss," Mrs. W. E. Eldridge, in one terse sentence, "Music creates great men to deliver her message," placed this composer in the foremost rank of musical geniuses.

Miss Katherine Freese brought before those present the life of a very modern composer and writer, Philip Paul Bliss, formerly of Cincinnati, but now living in New York. Born in 1872, he is just in the best years of his life; and it was a real pleasure to learn of one who is still living and still "adorning the musical world with his gems of harmony." She said: "In all his songs is that which shows the mind of the master, the art of the artist. His range of songs is wide, extending from that homely little composition, 'Hi, L'il Feller,' to the sacred song cycle, 'Mary.' Surely some heaven-born inspiration told Philip Bliss what noble harmony to suit to the beautiful words wherewith he has told of the four epochs in the life of the human, yet Divine, the Divine yet human, Mother of Christ. The sweetest harmonies are children of his teeming brain, and forth with he marries them to other children, of poets, those rare creatures who are born, not made."

Miss Freese, Miss Mullan, of Catlettsburg, and Nelson Weedon sang the following of Bliss' songs, "Thorus," "Caution," and "Hi L'il Feller."—Ashland Independent.

## Mr. and Mrs. Millinder Entertain.

One of the most delightful social events of the season was the dancing party given on last Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Millinder. The Rink was the scene of the festivities, and skilled musicians from Huntington furnished excellent music. Dancing began at an early hour and it was about midnight next morning before the happy crowd dispersed. The refreshment offered was all that hungry people desired, deliciously prepared and bountifully served. Mr. and Mrs. Millinder proved themselves accomplished hosts. The following were guests from other places:

Miss Marlen Emmons, Huntington; Mrs. Jennie Duncan, Kenova; Miss Anna Louise Ratcliffe, Huntington; Miss Cere Grothe, Huntington; Misses Scott, Ashland; Dr. Anderson, Marytown; Mr. Herndon, Davy; Mr. Bray, North Carolina; Mr. Deacon, Virginia; Mr. Ray, Virginia.

## Minister Bailey To Be Promoted.

State Department officials have informed Representative Langley that James G. Bailey, first secretary of the American Embassy at Mexico City, is shortly to be promoted to a Ministry. Mr. Bailey is a native of Salyersville, Magoffin county, which is in Mr. Langley's district.

The officials state that they are not yet authorized to divulge what Ministry is to be given Mr. Bailey, but that it will be a responsible one. His experience in South American affairs has been great and it is not unlikely that one of the important posts on the continent will be given him.

When Minister Bailey was just "Jim" Bailey he was accustomed to visit this city, and the reason for such visits was known of all men—and women. If one of Louisa's girls had said the WORD she might have been,—but these are the saddest of tongue or pen.

## Nice People Gone.

All who knew them regret the departure of Mr. T. R. Crumpler and family from Louisa. Mr. Crumpler's business demands his presence at Twin Branch, W. Va., and this has caused the removal. He and his family were much liked in Louisa, and the good wishes of our citizens follow them to their new home.

Born in Batavia, O., May 4, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curry, a boy, Mrs. Curry was Miss Maude Coyle, and once resided in Louisa.

## FOUL PLAY

### Probable Cause of Geo. Pratt's Disappearance.

### Traveling Salesman Missing Since April 27th Was Last Seen at Williamson, W. Va.

Day by day the belief that George H. Pratt, formerly of Wayne county, W. Va., has been foully dealt with grows stronger in the minds of his relatives and friends. For some time Pratt had been in the employ of the Martin-Miller grocery company, of Huntington, and during that time his work gave satisfaction. He had been assigned to the Tug river territory, in a territory and among a people with which he was familiar. A week or so ago communication from Pratt to his house ceased and the firm began to make inquiries concerning their employee. It was then ascertained that the last seen of Pratt by anyone who knew him was at Williamson on the 27th of April. All trace of him was lost as completely as if he had been taken up in a cloud. All possible efforts are being made by friends and relatives of the missing man to ascertain his fate, and all imaginable theories, possible and impossible, are being advanced regarding the cause of his disappearance. He has a wife and several children, and as far as the News can learn his domestic relations were pleasant. He had many relatives, both by blood and marriage, along the Tug river, and these and others are watching the river night and day in the expectation of finding some trace of their missing kinsman.

George Pratt is a son of Sam Pratt, deceased, who lived at the foot of the Pratt hill on the Mill creek road to Twelve Pole. Some years ago George had a difficulty in a saloon in this place in which he cut and dangerously wounded his antagonist.

## Court Closes This Week.

This is the closing week of Circuit court, as the present term expires by limitation Saturday. It has been a very busy term, and is in session at the hour this paper goes to press. The next term will be held under the new law and it will be some time during next August. Besides the work done in the Judge's apartments much business was disposed of, some of which has been heretofore noted in these columns. The jury in the case of Arthur Preston against the C. and O. Railroad, for the burning of his barn, caused by sparks from a locomotive, brought in a nine man verdict for \$1700. It will be appealed together with the David Marcum case.

Larkin Wells, of near Webbville, jumped from a moving train near Charleston two or three years ago and broke one leg. He brought suit to recover, and after hearing the plaintiff's evidence the court, on motion of defendant, gave peremptory instructions for the railroad.

A Mr. Fannin, of Buchanan, was one of a party from that place who came to Louisa on a C. and O. train to attend the Odd Fellows' celebration held here some time ago. He failed to produce a ticket when asked for it and had to leave the train at Zella, the next stop. He sought to recover \$500 and was awarded fifty.

The suit of Grover Caperton for salary alleged to be due from the C. and O., was lost on peremptory instructions. The suit of Mary Hale colored, which had been pending several years, met a similar fate.

## Teachers' Examination.

What is known as the examination for diplomas will be held in this city May 13-14. The regular examination for certificates to teach will be held May 20-21. These examinations will be held in the public school building and will be conducted by Supt. Jay O'Daniel and the examiners, Jimison Skeens and James Casey.

## Discuss Electrocutation.

The Prison Commission had a meeting with a representative of an electrical company which wants the contract to install the electric appliances to be used in electrocuting condemned men. The death house is to be located at Eddyville and the commission is discussing the best way to put it in. The electric current at Eddyville is not sufficient now to kill a man, and a new generator and transformer will have to be used. This will build up the current's power until it reaches 2,000 volts, which are required to kill a man. It was stated to the commission that the custom is to give a condemned man 2,000 volts for a second and then 500 volts for ten seconds. Harvey McCutchen, chairman of the board, discussed the question of volts and the machinery that will be required. It is not expected that there will be an electrocution for nearly a year, if that soon, so that the board is not in any hurry to buy or install the equipment necessary. Bids will be called for before any contract is let.

It has been decided that the death house will be at Eddyville for many reasons, principally because the Frankfort prison will be a reformatory, and it would not be seemly to have executions at the reformatory.

## EMIGRATED TO COSTA RICO.

### A Widow and Six Little Daughters, Natives of This County.

It surely required a stout heart and a fearless spirit to undertake the journey which a woman from near this city began on Saturday last. Mrs. Lydia Wilson, widow of Anderson Wilson, who for many years was a well known and highly respected citizen of Lawrence county left Louisa at the time noted for Costa Rica, a distance of about twenty-one hundred miles. With her were her six children, all girls, in years ranging from one to twelve. The object of Mrs. Wilson had in taking this long, tedious, costly and, under the best conditions, uncertain trip, was to join her two brothers, Will and Lys Asche, These men, sons of the late Fred Asche, known to the older people in this city, went to Central America many years ago. Will has made a visit to his old Kentucky home, but Lys, who left here 19 years ago, had never returned and if their sister and her children join them none of them may ever return to Louisa.

The Asche boys are somewhere near the coast, but Mrs. Wilson does not know exactly where. She went to New Orleans by rail, expecting to get a steamer at San Carlos, where she expects to meet her brothers. But of all these things she was sure of but one thing, and that is that she would, barring accident, get to New Orleans. She had no idea when she could get a steamer across the gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea to San Carlos, neither did the agent for the steamship line at New Orleans, and Mrs. Wilson was so informed. The night before she left Louisa Costa Rica suffered an earthquake which nearly destroyed Cartago, the capital, and killed over a thousand people. Costa Rica is one of those small Central American states which are constantly "enjoying" something. Down there it is, as the old-timer said of the wild and woolly west, "one continual round of pleasure." Revolutions, yellow fever and earthquakes contribute their share in making and keeping things lively, while such minor attractions as snakes, tarantulas, centipedes and mosquitoes enliven any otherwise lonesome day or night.

Mrs. Wilson's brothers are reported doing well financially and otherwise. They have coffee and fruit plantations, and other interests. Their father was a German, industrious, sober and honest. His boys have inherited these admirable qualities, and it is probable from him they imbibed a love for going into distant climes. Friends of Mrs. Wilson and children hope she may reach their destination in safety and that they may find health and happiness with their brothers in the South.

## Money for Teachers.

School teachers in Kentucky will not have to wait so long for their salaries as they had expected and will get their checks for the last two months of the present term in the first week of June if not on June 1. It was thought, some weeks ago, that the teachers could not be paid before the last of June, but Capt. Ed Farley, State Treasurer, finds that he will have on hand, by the first week in June, enough money to pay all the teachers and he so announced today. This will be good news to the school teachers of the State who had expected to wait until the last of June to get their money. The amount due is \$400,000. Capt. Farley said that there is money enough in the treasury now to pay the school teachers, but it does not all belong to the school fund. It must be divided between the various funds and after the division of the school fund would not have enough to meet the claims.

## Holcomb in Pikeville.

Pikeville, Ky., May 9.—Rev. Walt Holcomb and wife, who was Miss Julia Baxter Jones, youngest daughter of the great evangelist Sam P. Jones, arrived here Saturday night and are domiciled at The Pike, while Mr. Ragsdale, of Louisville, the choir leader, is at the Connolly House. The evangelist preached to gigantic audiences both Sunday forenoon and night. The people are charmed with this man of God as never before, and the outcome of the meeting is hard to predict, as Pikeville is hard to reach religiously. But a ten days' bombardment against the hardened hearts of Pikevillians by this powerful Southern evangelist, who is second only to the late Samuel Porter Jones, may have a tendency to soften even them, and if it does, he will have accomplished wonders. That the populace is delighted with him goes without saying.

## Washington Briefs.

The sundry civil bill reported to the House on Friday contained an appropriation of \$25,000 for 1911 work on the Big Sandy.

N. P. Adams was recommended as Postmaster of Salyersville, Magoffin-co., by Representative Langley. This ends a long contest on the part of A. L. Bailey, the incumbent. Adams is a brother of Circuit Judge J. P. Adams, and Republican county chairman.

## COLORED MINING CO.

### Negroes Getting Into the Coal Operating Business.

Quite a distinguished party of colored men passed through Catlettsburg today, and spent a couple of hours here waiting upon train connections. They were the Kentucky branch of the North Fork Coal and Iron Company of Chicago. The North Fork Coal and Iron Company is a negro corporation, organized and doing business under the laws of South Dakota. It has a capital stock of \$500,000. The holdings of the corporation are in Lawrence and Morgan counties, Ky., and in the former county, near Potter Station they have coal operation with a present capacity of three carloads of coal per day.

The entry into the mountain has been run 210 feet, with a lateral entry 150 feet long contiguous to the main entry. The committee was accompanied by a delegation from Montgomery, W. Va.

Prof. A. E. Richardson, of Chicago, the official representative of the company and D. H. Terrell, a special representative, also of Chicago, were among the committee from Lexington. The Lexington committee was composed of E. W. Chenault, H. B. Turner and E. H. Reed. From West Virginia there were O. T. Wilkerson, Matthew Buster and V. M. Willis.

The party had returned from visiting the Lawrence county mines, and parted company here on their return, some of them east and others west to their respective homes. —Catlettsburg Tribune.